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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES  
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March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, the Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for a Next Generation Electrification Testing and Standards Facility for fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Oakland University, located at 371 Wilson Blvd, Rochester, MI 48309.

The project is to establish a multi-level and multi-functional facility at Oakland University to develop a comprehensive research and development capabilities for electrifying automotive systems, ranging from battery material fabrication and characterization, electrified powertrain management, and chassis dynamometer testing to vehicle-level integration and optimization. This project will allow the U.S. to close a critical technology gap in prototyping, testing, and standards development for competitive electrification solutions.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it invests in the universities contributions to testing and R&D for electrification in the automobile industry. It will also serve as a training hub to grow the Michigan workforce and enrich our outreach program for the local community.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 272 of title 15, United States Code.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John James", written over a horizontal line.

John James  
Member of Congress